

**REMARKS**

The enclosed minor amendments are being made prior to examination on the merits for the purpose of clarity only, and to conform the claims in keeping with the requirements of the US Patent Office.

No new matter has been added.

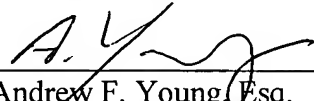
It is noted that this submission is being filed concurrently with a replacement/substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and 37 C.F.R. §1.125.

While no fees are believed due with this submission other than those enclosed herewith, should additional fees be due or the return of over payments necessary, authority is provided to access Deposit Account No. 502920.

In the spirit of condensed and streamlined practice, if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be of value, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned counsel for a prompt response.

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested in view of the enclosed amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Attached:

A clean version of the amendment is not required